

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-446

OUTCOME 1: Population Health Division

Topic: FAMILY PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM

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Senator Rhiannon asked:

- a) the names of the 12 organisations funded under the Family Planning Grants Program; and
- b) what these organisations are being funded for.

Answer:

a) and b)

The Family Planning Grants Program provides funding to ten organisations for twelve separate projects (one organisation is funded for three projects).

Further details on these projects are provided at Attachment A.

FAMILY PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM

List of Organisations

Organisation	Funds (GST Exclusive)	Funded Activity
Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church (trading as Natural Fertility Australia)	\$525,000.00	The ‘ A specialist educative approach to family planning and sexual and reproductive health ’ Project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to public education by distributing information to women about: a natural alternative in family planning; and how fertility education may improve health and wellbeing and assist in avoiding or achieving pregnancy without chemicals or devices; • Promote health education by sharing information and providing professional development to doctors, nurses, midwives and health professionals about the Lactational Amenorrhea Method; and • Provide consultations and networking to the Government aimed to increase knowledge about natural, non-interventionist family planning.
Australian Practice Nurses Association	\$209,945.00	The ‘ Practice Nurse Family Planning Capacity Building ’ Project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build practice nurses capacity to provide family planning advice to patients presenting at a general practice by designing and developing an online course; and conduct the piloting of a face-to-face local networking between generalist practice nurses and specialist colleagues in family planning, facilitated by Divisions of General Practice.
Family Planning NSW	\$111,760.00	The ‘ National Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs Assessment ’ Project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop synthesised data sets from national and state-based sources pertaining to sexual and reproductive health to enable reproductive and sexual health organisations to see the interrelationships between different programs and allow for comparison across different states to identify best practice approaches. The Project is undertaken in conjunction with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia.
La Trobe University (as represented by the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society)	\$483,945.00	The ‘ Talking Sexual (and Reproductive) Health Revision ’ Project will aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise and update the national Talking Sexual Health classroom materials, endorsed for use in all states and territories to guide sexual education at years 9 and 10; and develop these materials in both paper based and online formats.
Multicultural Centre	\$578,835.00	The ‘ Multicultural Women’s Health Australia ’ Project aims to improve capacity of immigrant and refugee

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for Women's Health		<p>women and their families to make informed choices about family planning and reproductive health by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing nationally-focused health education and information sharing via national media and new technologies; building capacity of family planning and reproductive health professionals to work in more culturally appropriate ways; and providing up-to-date, evidence based policy advice and information to the Australian Government.
Ovulation Method Research and Reference Centre of Australia (trading as Billings LIFE)	\$272,840.00	<p>The 'Bridging the Gap' Project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide seminars for general practitioners, midwives, nurses and other health professionals Australia-wide with emphasis on the health advantages of monitoring the signs of natural fertility; and encourage doctors and other health professionals to refer sub-fertile and infertile patients to the Billings LIFE as an alternative to in-vitro-fertilisation (IVF) treatment; and • Develop online access to published literature and articles, enhancing information sharing. <p>The Project is undertaken in conjunction with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loving for Life WA Limited.
Ovulation Method Research and Reference Centre of Australia (trading as Billings LIFE)	\$100,000.00	<p>The 'Mpower' Project aims to deliver an education program nationwide with two streams comprising of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billings Ovulation Method Clinics for individuals and couples about natural fertility management, involuntary infertility and safeguarding reproductive health; and • Schools Programs with aim to educate students on contraceptives and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and to improve their understanding of reproductive health issues. <p>The Project is undertaken in conjunction with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loving for Life WA Limited.
Ovulation Method Research and Reference Centre of Australia (trading as Billings LIFE)	\$176,350.00	<p>The 'Every Woman, Everywhere' Project aims to increase awareness about cervical mucus in achieving or avoiding pregnancy and safeguarding reproductive health by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running an Australia-wide Online health promotion campaign; distributing information to community groups around the country, especially in rural and regional areas; translating information into other than English languages; and developing user friendly and interactive webpage targeting indigenous communities.
Public Health	\$100,000.00	'The First National Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference' Project aims to organise the conference

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Association of Australia		<p>aimed to grow a national approach to improving sexual and reproductive health, including family planning, through greater access and equity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing education and promoting sexual health; building capacity amongst professionals and sharing information based on sound academic research; boosting professional development and providing a basis for continuing education; allowing representation of ideas from a diverse range with a particular focus on disadvantaged (low socio-economic groups, indigenous and those from diverse cultural and linguistic background); and providing a sharing platform for consultation and networking. <p>The Project is undertaken in conjunction with: Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia.</p>
Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia	\$517,890.00	<p>The 'Growing a national approach to improving sexual and reproductive health including family planning of Australians through greater access and equity' Project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand and strengthen national approach and improve overall access to activities and information about sexual and reproductive health, including family planning, for all Australians with a focus on high needs and at risk populations, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds, people with a disability and people from rural and remote areas.
Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT	\$193,300.00	<p>The 'Building Better Relationships: an Australian framework for achieving better outcomes in family planning, reproductive and sexual health promotion, and sexuality and relationships education' Project aims to develop a national guiding framework for health promotion in reproductive and sexual health and sexuality and relationship education through the network of state and territory sexual health and family planning organisations, and through engaging leading tertiary education institutions, state and territory education systems and frameworks, and other peak or professional bodies.</p> <p>The Project is undertaken in conjunction with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Planning Western Australia; Family Planning Victoria; Family Planning Tasmania; and La Trobe University (Australian Research Centre In Sex, Health and Society).
Victorian Assisted	\$598,175.00	The ' Your Fertility: Supporting Reproductive Choices ' Project intends to:

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Reproductive Treatment Authority		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote greater understanding in the community about optimising fertility through lifestyle choices and timing when planning a family; include male perspectives and recognise the many different ways families are formed through heterosexual or same-sex relationships or individuals using donor treatment or surrogacy arrangements; and address options, including use of simple medical treatments as well as Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART). <p>The Project is undertaken in conjunction with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Centre of Excellence in Male Reproductive Health (based at Monash University), trading as Andrology Australia; • The Jean Hailes Foundation; • The Robinson Institute, The University of Adelaide.
Total (GST Exclusive)	\$3,868,040.00	

